

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1140

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## A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bill Youree of Brentwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bill Youree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Youree was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Bill Youree attended David Lipscomb High School and College before entering the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Nashville from military service, Mr. Youree graduated from the University of Tennessee-Nashville with a degree in accounting and finance; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Bill Youree attained an accounting position with Hospital Affiliates International, one of Nashville's major hospital management companies; impressing his superiors with his many laudable skills, he soon became a Hospital Controller and Hospital Administrator for Tulane University Hospital and Division Vice President for Finance over sixteen hospitals; and

WHEREAS, he later became Chief Operating Officer in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, over a newly-acquired company that operated twenty-two physical rehabilitation hospitals; and

WHEREAS, returning to Nashville, Mr. Youree took employment as Vice President of Operations for National Rehabilitation Centers; after nine months, he became the company's President and Chief Executive Officer, leading the business from its status as a start-up company with seven locations and fewer than 100 employees to be a nationally-recognized industry leader with more than 4,000 employees and more than 200 locations; and

WHEREAS, the company, under the new name Rehability Corporation, received national recognition from *Business Week* and *Fortune* as one of the country's fastest growing businesses; and

WHEREAS, Bill Youree, joining with a group of Brentwood investors, helped found Premier Bank of Brentwood and served as Director until its sale to BancorpSouth in 2005; and

WHEREAS, proving himself a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community, Bill Youree contributed his time and many talents to numerous noteworthy organizations, including the Rotary Club of Brentwood, for which he served as a Board Member and President and spearheaded efforts to develop an abandoned sewage treatment property into the Deerwood Arboretum and Natural Area; the Crockett Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, for which he served as a founding member and Treasurer; Brentwood Academy, for which he was a member of the Board of Trustees; Faith Family Medical Clinic, for which he served as a founding member and a member of the Board of Directors; and the Indian Point Homeowners' Association, for which he served as President; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a remarkable ability to lead his fellow citizens, Mr. Youree was an alumnus of the first Leadership Brentwood class and served as Chairman of the Steering Committee for the third Leadership Brentwood class; he later utilized the skills he learned in that class to serve his neighbors as a member of the Board of Directors for the Brentwood/Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2007, the good people of Brentwood evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Bill Youree by electing him to the Brentwood City Commission, where he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Youree was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bill Youree enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Cyndee Youree, and was the proud parent of two sons, Greg and Doug; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Youree leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bill Youree, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Youree.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.